

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario – Best Practice Guidelines Program

Supporting Adults Who Anticipate or Live with an Ostomy, Second Edition

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1. Structured Website Search

Two Guideline Development Methodologists searched an established list of website for guidelines.

Guidelines were selected based on the following criteria:

- Focus on the topic of ostomy care/support for adults (18 years and older) (search terms included: colostomy, ileostomy, urostomy, ostomy)
- Published in English
- Available and accessible for retrieval
- Developed based on a systematic search of the literature
- Published no earlier than 2007
- Relevant to nursing scope of practice
- Applicable to the Canadian context (e.g.-studies in countries with similar culture and economic status/developed nations such as OECD countries
<http://www.oecd.org/about/membersandpartners/>)

Websites searched:

- National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC)
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) (UK): Evidence Services
- Canadian Medical Association Infobase: Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC): Clinical Practice Guidelines
- eGuidelines
- Guidelines International Network (GIN)

A broad search on Google search engine was also conducted using search terms: colostomy, ileostomy, urostomy, ostomy, guideline, and best practice guideline.

2. Hand Search

RNAO expert panel members were asked to review personal libraries to identify and submit potentially relevant guidelines. Guidelines submitted for consideration by RNAO expert panel members were integrated into the retrieved list of guidelines if they had not been identified by the on-line guideline search and met the inclusion criteria.